

American Foulbrood (AFB) Swab Test Instructions

Kit contents

- 12 x Swab Sticks
- 12 x 2ml numbered tubes with lids
- 1 x Container of distilled water – PCR Grade

Instructions for swabbing

1. Take the swab by the plastic end (ensuring not to touch the swab end as this could cause contamination) and moisten the cotton swab end in the distilled water. Press off excess water against the side of the container.

Please note: do not put a swab back into the water after sampling as this is a contamination risk – if ‘double dipping’ occurs, dispose of the container of distilled water.



2. Swab inside the entrance of the hive – rotating the swab as you go so that the entire swab head is coated in material. Swab for 3-5 seconds, the swab may appear clean and this is fine.
3. Place the swab end into the open tube and lift it slightly before bending the plastic end 90 degrees until the swab end snaps off into the tube. Close the cap and ensure that it sealed properly. Discard the plastic handle of the swab



4. Record the hive number/ID against the prelabelled tube number



5. Place the sample tubes in the provided courier bag with your filled in information slip and send to the testing laboratory.

Please note: The submission slip must be included. Without this slip the test will not be processed as the laboratory will not know where to send the results.



Please scan the QR code if you would like to watch a video of the swabbing process